

REMARKS

The claims as now amended clarify that the cover part and the antenna part of the present invention form a substantially closed magnetic path, and the magnetic flux generated by resonance flows through said substantially closed magnetic path. This structure makes it difficult for magnetic flux generated by resonance to leak outside of an antenna structure. None of the cited prior art discloses, teaches or suggests such structure.

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under § 102(e) on the basis of Ihara US ‘472. Ihara ‘472 is an international PCT application which designated the US and was published under Article 21(2). To apply 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) the International publication must be English, but Ihara was published in Japanese (see WO 2004/025782A1). Thus, Ihara is not prior document under § 102(e). Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

The Japanese priority application for Ihara US ‘472, published April 2, 2004, is being submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement, with other Ihara priority applications.

WO ‘782 has three priority applications, including JP ‘551 and JP ‘481. The third priority application has not been published. In any event, all of these references were published after applicant’s priority date of April 12, 2003. A certified translation of the priority document will be provided upon request.

The Information Disclosure Statement also cites JP ‘854, published on April 21, 2000. In JP ‘854, directions of magnetic flux are different in ends 26A, 26B and in the

center portion 25. Thus, a substantially closed magnetic path cannot be formed.

For the foregoing reasons, applicant believes that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call applicant's attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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